

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3304 - SB 3302

February 16, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Education to develop a plan to transfer all or part of the State Testing Program from the University of Tennessee to the Department of Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

According to the Department of Education, 22 positions, which make up the testing component of the State Testing and Evaluation Center, will be transferred from the University of Tennessee to the Department of Education. The remaining positions which constitute data processing, shipping and receiving will remain with the university. The Department of Education will now contract with all entities to provide testing services and will in turn contract with the university for data processing, shipping and receiving. Currently, the university has a \$2 million contract with the Department of Education to provide state testing services. UT has an additional \$1.9 million in contracts with other entities to provide testing services which will now flow through the Department of Education.

For information purposes:

- (1) FY 1997-98 Estimated Revenues to the State Testing and Evaluation Center at the University of Tennessee total \$3.9 million, of which approximately \$2 million is from contracts with the Department of Education.
- (2) The State Testing Program is comprised of the following positions which are located within the state as follows:

Knoxville	46
Nashville	13
Martin	2
Total positions	61

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James A. Davenport, Executive Director